
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Crowe to Reengrossed House Bill No. 989 by Representative Stiaes

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "(1)" insert "and (C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page, line 13, after "(1)" insert "and (C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, between lines 2 and 3 insert the following:

"(d) A master's degree or a doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from a regionally accredited educational institution or a graduate degree in an allied field from a regionally accredited educational institution which is equivalent to a master's degree in marriage and family therapy and where any of the degrees provided for in this Subparagraph are evidenced by a certified transcripts demonstrating the completion of coursework in all of the following areas:

(i) Two or three semester courses, each course consisting of at least three hours, in Marriage and Family Therapy Foundations which includes coursework in the following areas: historical development, theoretical and empirical foundations, and contemporary conceptual directions of the field of marriage and family therapy. These areas shall provide a comprehensive survey and substantive understanding of the major models of marriage and family therapy. Students should be able to conceptualize and distinguish the critical epistemological issues in the profession of marriage and family therapy. If the applicant has five Marriage and Family Clinical Practice semester courses, each course consisting of at least three hours, then he is required only to obtain two semester courses in Marriage and Family Therapy Foundations.

(ii) Four or five semester courses, each course consisting of at least three hours, in Marriage and Family Therapy Clinical Practice which includes coursework, at a minimum, in the following areas: relational and systematic perspectives, psychopharmacology, physical health and illness, traditional psychodiagnostic categories, the assessment and treatment of major health issues and a wide variety of presenting problems.

(iii) Two semester courses, each course consisting of at least three hours, in Individual Development and Family Relations which includes coursework in the following areas: individual development across the lifespan and family development across the lifespan.

(iv) One semester course consisting of at least three hours in Professional Identity and Ethics which includes coursework in the following areas: professional identity, professional socialization, scope of practice, membership in professional organizations, licensure, and certification, confidentiality issues, legal and ethical responsibilities of the profession, and record keeping. A generic course in ethics does not meet this requirement.

(v) One semester course consisting of at least three hours in Marriage and Family Therapy Research which includes coursework in the following areas: research in marriage and family therapy while addressing research methodology, data analysis, and the evaluation of both quantitative and qualitative methods.

(vi) One semester course consisting of at least three hours in additional learning relevant to the field of Marriage and Family Therapy which includes course work that augments student's specialized interest and background in individual and family therapy. The course work may be selected from a variety of disciplines."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 4

2 On page 7, between lines 12 and 13 insert the following:

3 "C.(1) The board or advisory board shall not interfere with, and shall have
4 no control over, the form, manner or content of the curriculum (including but not
5 limited to the moral aspects of the curriculum) taught by any regionally accredited
6 college or university, where such college or university is operated by a religious,
7 non-profit organization being designated as such by the Internal Revenue Code
8 pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).

9 (2) No graduate who attended a college or university which meets
10 accreditation requirements and is an eligible provider to receive the Louisiana Taylor
11 Opportunity Program for Students scholarship as provided in R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)
12 or is a regional accredited college or university college or university so long as the
13 graduate completes the coursework required in Subparagraph (B)(1)(d) of this
14 Section and meets the requirements of Section A of this Section."